

Watson, Benjamin Philip

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September 14th, 1915

Captain F. P. Watson, M.D.,

No. 2 General Hospital (University of Toronto).

Dear Dr. Watson:

The time is drawing near for the opening of the session and the appearances now are that there will be a larger number of medical students than we anticipated. As a result the absence of our men is handicapping us considerably. When you left we hoped that you would be able to return to us for the winter's work inasmuch as the headship of the two departments cannot be devolved upon any one else. Dr. Clark informs me that Dr. Marlow is giving a great deal of his time to the military organisation for the Government and that Dr. Cleland is very anxious to go to the front. We have less hold upon Dr. Cleland inasmuch as he holds only a very junior position on the staff.

Dr. Clarke tells me that they miss you very much at the General Hospital and would like you to return for the winter. The Chairman of the Board has all along taken the view that the re-arrangements of the services of Gynaecology and Obstetrics in the Toronto General Hospital were such that we should have urged strongly upon you not to leave.

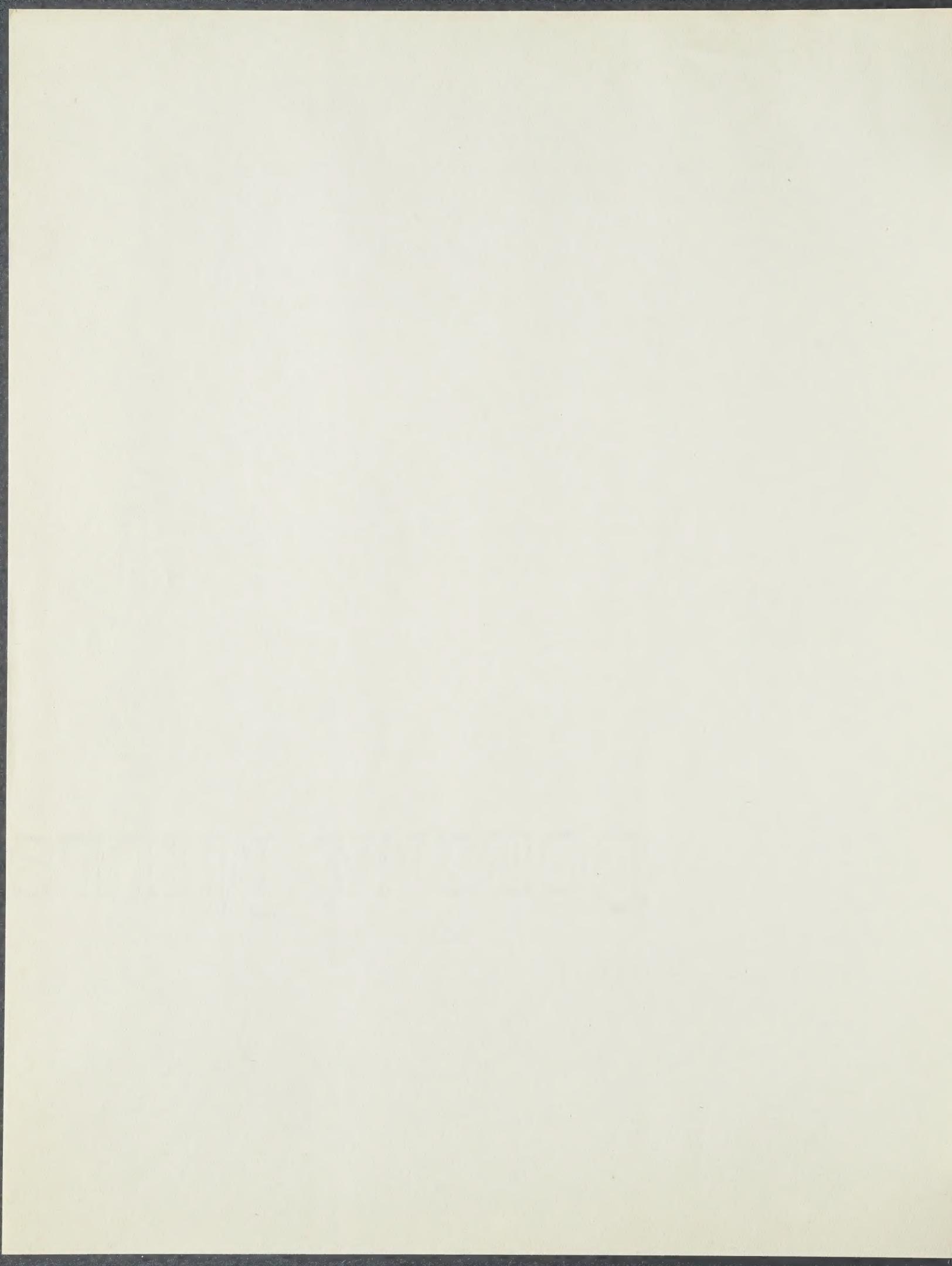
In view of the combined desire of both the Hospital and the University would it not be well for you to come back for the winter and return if necessary next spring? As you are aware the War Office is sending the third and fourth year students home, and we ought to give them the best instruction possible. I think that if you were to ask for leave from the War Office in these circumstances they would be willing enough to grant it. In one sense we regret that there has been so much delay in having the Hospital sent to the front though possibly you are getting more cases in England than you would in France. We have to meet a good many questions as to delay, but our sole and sufficient answer is that it has been due to a change in the plans of

the War Office and of the general strategy. This long period of patient waiting is pretty hard on every one, and at present it looks as though we have to endure some time still.

With kind regards, I am,

Yours sincerely,

President.



Hung has been advised by certain members of our profession. She when we heard that we were going to

the Adelitkummen Singing. Met-

my only boy with the unit. You

will see her one member, Capt.

Dr. Kuhn has failed us & there is

a shortage of officers. but work is

likely to continue & important &

I feel sure that you will answer in

my direction. The members of my staff

really try I am sure the work

will go on all right. Dr. Grawitz

right to have part of his per

University work when he gets back

from camp. If he fails I would

recommend that Dr. Cleveland be

offered a good position even if



S.S. "MINNEWASKA"

Sunday Oct. 17 1915.

President R. A. Leeser

Chancery of Toronto.

Dear President Leeser,

Your letter of Sept.

17th just reached me at Roosevelt's
yesterday before we left. It had been
held up in London as suspiciously
addressed. The Dear letter written
about the same time reached me
I once & I called him & with
him. He authorities here are very
much against anyone returning - &
think probably because they fear of

Hope that you will soon be quite fit again.

We are just starting for our unknown destination. Our nurses are going on a hospital ship so they are separated from us for a time, but we will all meet at the land.

I feel sure that we are going to get good work & have an opportunity of showing that the service of the University has not been in vain.

Yrs sincerely

B.F. Baldwin

Amurki: Friendship & be given charge of the Sympathetic work in the hospital. Clothes night to go along quite smoothly.

On Shomeloff we did very useful work. Altogether over 400 operations were performed ranging went very smoothly. My friend work was to take charge of a small hospital for officers. I had quite a number of operations there.

Was very busy from Col. Brinne. Glad you health had not been very good lately.